

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack Recreational Fishing Season Re-Opens on August 1, 2015

NOAA Fisheries reminds recreational fisherman the Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack recreational fishing season re-opens on August 1, 2015, at 12:01 a.m., local time. The minimum size limit continues to be 30 inches fork length, which is expected to continue through the end of the recreational fishing season. There is a one fish per person daily bag limit. The captain or crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat may not retain a bag limit.

Preliminary landings indicate the recreational quota may be met by mid- to late September, 2015. If needed, NOAA Fisheries will distribute a Fishery Bulletin announcing a closure at a later date.

Note: NOAA Fisheries is reviewing a recommendation by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to increase the minimum recreational size limit to 34 inches fork length. The Agency will notify fisherman when this rule is finalized.